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Torrance Detectives Disrupt Southland Burglary Ring

The Torrance Police Department received information that three subjects were involved in residential burglaries in the South Bay, Beverly Hills and the West Valley area of the City of Los Angeles. These subjects would drive in residential neighborhoods, during daytime hours, looking for houses where it appeared that no one was home. When a potential house was located, one subject would approach the front door of the house and knock or ring the door bell. If no one answered the door the subject would summon one of his crime partners and the two subjects would enter the back yard of the residence. The suspects would then pry open a rear door or window to gain access to the home. The target of the burglaries was jewelry, cash, and other concealable items. While the two subjects committed the burglary the third subject would continue to drive around the neighborhood until the two subjects completed the burglary. The vehicle would then pull up to the victim's residence and the burglary team and property stolen would leave the area.

Detectives from the Torrance Police Department conducted an investigation into the activities of these subjects and on June 23, 2008. At approximately 4:50 pm, Torrance Detectives observed the subjects commit a residential burglary in the 18200 block of Rosita Street in the City of Tarzana. The subjects fled the burglary in their red 2006 Dodge Charger and immediately following the commission of this burglary the three suspects were arrested by Torrance Detectives. Detectives from the Torrance and Beverly Hills Police Departments served a search warrant at the suspect's residence and recovered items that were taken in other residential burglaries. The following subjects were arrested and charged with one count of 459 PC, in Beverly Hills, with additional charges expected. Torrance PD Incident # 080042731

The investigation is continuing and thus far detectives have tied these suspects to over 40 residential burglaries in the South Bay, Beverly Hills and the West Valley area of the City of Los Angeles dating back as far as 2005.

The following subjects were arrested and charged with one count of 459 PC, in Beverly Hills, with additional charges expected:

Arrestee #1: David Harry Verdun (age 21) of Inglewood

Arrestee #2: Roadell Peoples (age 27) of Van Nuys

Arrestee #3: Britton O'launce Grimes (age 20) of Van Nuys

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